

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A lighting unit comprising:

a light guiding plate for guiding light entering from an end face thereof along a principal surface thereof;

a light source disposed along the end face of the light guiding plate;

a reflector enclosing the light source and configured to reflect the light emitted from the light source toward the end face of the light guiding plate; and

a housing disposed to enclose at least the reflector, wherein an opening portion is formed to penetrate the housing toward the reflector, the housing is provided with a bent portion formed by inwardly bending a predetermined region at a point of an outer periphery thereof and cutting a remaining portion of the predetermined region, and a step portion formed by the bent portion forms the opening portion.

Claims 4-6. (Cancelled)